

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

November 16, 2005  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on September 8, 2005 in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Board Member Roll Call at 10:07 a.m.**

Present: Jeffrey Hays, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Ellen Way, and Nancy Wright

Absent: Maurice Martinez, Gregory Pettis

**2. Staff Present**

Jose Angel, Adnan Al-Sarabi, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Mary Castañeda, Liann Chavez, Ron Falkowski, Abdi Haile, Cecilia Irwin, Michelle Ochs, Robert Perdue, Jon Rokke, Catherine George, Joan Stormo, Tom Vandenberg, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Vu, and Doug Wylie.

**3. Others Present**

Charles Hull, City of Blythe  
Tom McFarland, Holguin, Fahan & Assoc.  
Al Kalin, Imperial County Farm  
Olivia Todd, CVWD  
Chris Schoneman, US Fish & Wildlife  
Pablo Orozco, Calexico New River Committee  
Adrian Perez, State Water Resources Control Board

**4. Minutes**

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**MOTION:** Ellen Way and Mr. Lesicka moved, Nancy Wright seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

## 5. Public Forum

Mr. Al Kalin from the Imperial County Farm Bureau presented Sheila Ault with a plaque of appreciation. Mr. Johnson also expressed good luck and best wishes to Sheila Ault.

## 6. Resolution No. R7-2005-0115: Expressing Appreciation to Marie S. Barrett for her services as a Regional Board Member.

Robert Perdue, Regional Board Executive Officer, recommended adoption of Resolution R7-2005-0115.

**MOTION:** Ms. Way moved, Ms. Wright seconded and motion carried unanimously that Board Order R7-2005-0115 be adopted.

## Resolution No. R7-2005-0118: Expressing Commendation to Desert Springs Expressing Commendation to Desert Springs Middle School on Designation as the Third Groundwater Guardian Team in the City of the Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County.

Ms. Wright read Resolution No. R7-2005-0118.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Hays and Mr. Lesicka seconded. and motion carried unanimously that Board Order R7-2005-0118 be adopted.

## 7. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

R7-2005-0093	Imperial Landfill, Inc., Owner/Operator, Allied Imperial landfill, Class III Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility – East of Imperial County	
R7-2005-0102	Imperial Landfill, Inc., Owner/Operator, Allied Imperial Landfill, Class III Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility – East of Imperial County	
R7-2005-0114	Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements	
CS	91-040	Bolthouse Farms

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Hays and Ms. Way seconded. Adoption of errata was motioned by Ms. Wright and seconded by Mr. Hays and Mr. Lesicka and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2005-0093, R7-2005-0102 and R7-2005-0114, including the errata for R7-2005-0093, be adopted.

## **8. Uncontested Enforcement Action**

Public Hearing for Consideration to Affirm, Reject, or Modify Proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) as follows:

Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R7-2005-0112 Mandatory Minimum Penalty in the matter of Niland Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant – Imperial County

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka and Ms. Way seconded, and motion carried unanimously that ACLO No. R7-2005-0112 be adopted.

## **9. Informational Update on Meaders Cleaners**

Mr. Falkowski gave an informational update on Meaders Cleaners.

## **10. Informational Update on Blythe's Cummingled Plume**

Todd Mc Farland and Ron Falkowski did a presentation and distributed handouts on the Cummingled Plume Project. Mr. Hays asked if there is liability. There was not.

## **11. Informational Update on New River Environmental Justice Pilot Project**

Adrian Perez presented an overview of CalEPA's Environmental Justice (EJ) pilot project, including the New River EJ Project. He explained that the policy for addressing these EJ projects is driven by grass-roots community efforts. Mr. Pablo Orozco followed up on the topic and thanked the Regional Water Board and its staff for their support on the project. He also mentioned that as part of the project, a technical subcommittee headed by him and Jose Figueroa (Regional Water Board staff) was formed to address the River's pollution.

## **12. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report**

Robert Perdue introduced Abdi Haile as former head of our UST Program and Tom Vandenberg as our new Legal Counsel. Mr. Perdue reported that he sent a letter to the Imperial County Farm Bureau to address the Bureau's concerns on TMDL Tail Water Monitoring Requirements for Farmers. Jose Angel settled an ACLC. Robert Perdue gave appreciation to Jose Angel.

## **13. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report**

Robert Perdue stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

## **14. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities**

## **15. Catherine George introduced Tom Vandenberg and said she will be attending the next Board meeting along with him.**

**16. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments**

No Comments.

**17. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

Nancy Wright was elected as Chair and Ellen Way was elected as Vice-Chair.

**18. Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2006**

The Calendar was adopted as proposed.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 18, 2006	La Quinta
March 23, 2006	La Quinta
May 17, 2006	La Quinta
June 21, 2006	La Quinta
September 20, 2006	La Quinta
November 15, 2006	La Quinta

**19. Staff Report Update from Doug Wylie on Salton Sea Improvement.**

Doug Wylie gave an update to the Regional Water Board on the Final Report for Reducing Eutrophic Conditions of the Salton Sea.

**20. There was no Closed Session.**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.